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Matchday 4 - Quarter-finals

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Match background

Few teams have met in as many women's internationals as Sweden and Norway and their 31-year rivalry continues at this level on Friday in the quarter-finals.

- Sweden lived up to their strong pre-tournament billing by sailing through Group C in three Turku fixtures, defeating Russia 3-0 and Italy 2-0 to secure qualification, then drawing 1-1 with England to make sure of first place.
- Victoria Sandell Svensson, who has a Swedish record 165 caps and 67 goals, has scored twice in what will be her last international tournament and after the group stage shared the lead with six other players in the adidas Golden Boot award race.
- Norway opened, like in 2005 when they were runners-up, with a defeat by Germany in Tampere, although this time it finished 4-0 with three of the goals coming after the 89-minute mark. They then beat Iceland 1-0 in Lahti and drew 1-1 with France at the Helsinki Football Stadium to go through from Group B as one of the two best third-placed teams.
- These sides met in the last friendly before the finals, Norway putting a difficult year behind them with a 1-0 win in Enköping, Isabell Herlovsen scoring on 57 minutes.
- Cecilie Pedersen, who was to be Norway's match-winner against Iceland, made her debut in the Sweden friendly, as did Marit Sandvei and Petra Larsson for the home side only three days after replacing the injured Linda Forsberg in the squad.
- They also played on 31 January in La Quinta, Spain, when Sweden won 5-1 thanks, largely, to four goals from Lotta Schelin. Sara Larsson also scored for Sweden while Ingvild Stensland replied for Norway, who were playing their first game since the retirement of a number of players following qualification. Linnea Liljegård made her Sweden debut; Caroline Knutsen, Hedda Strand Gardsjord and Ingvild Isaksen all won their first Norway caps.
- They also played twice in 2008 and both times Sweden won 2-0 in Larnaca and Sandefjord.
- Their last competitive meeting was in the UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ semi-finals in Warrington. Norway led through Solveig Gulbrandsen and Herlovsen but Hanna Ljungberg equalised late in each half to force extra time. However, there was no reply after Gulbrandsen volleyed in to make it 3-2 in the 109th minute.
- Surprisingly, that was their first meeting in this competition since the two-legged semi-final of 1995 which Sweden won 7-5 on aggregate.
- In 1987 they played in the final in Oslo which Norway won 2-1.
- Sweden were the holders having won the inaugural 1984 edition; these sides met in qualifying for that competition and Sweden won 2-0 at home and 2-1 away.
- They have also met at two FIFA Women's World Cups; in 1999 Norway beat Sweden 3-1 in the quarter-finals in the United States and in the inaugural 1991 edition, Norway beat Sweden 4-1 in the semi-finals.
- They first met on 7 July 1978 in Kolding, Sweden winning 2-1, and it took until 1982 for Norway to win what was up to that point an annual encounter.
- Overall they have played 42 times, Norway leading 21-13 in wins with eight draws, and 73-63 in goals.
- The winners of this tie play Germany or Italy, also at the Helsinki Football Stadium, on Monday, with the final across the way at the Olympic Stadium three days later.

Team facts

SWEDEN

Sweden won the inaugural European Competition for Women's Football in 1984 and in the last decade have again emerged as one of the game's main forces.

After beating England on penalties in the first final they were runners-up behind Norway three years later and were also pipped by Germany in 1995 and 2001 – losing to the same opposition in the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup final, the 2001 and 2003 losses both on golden goal. But even though the key players from that era like Hanna Ljungberg and Frida Östberg have bowed out, Sweden remain a major force and were the only team to qualify this time without conceding a goal or point.

Tournament record

2005: semi-finals
2001: runners-up
1997: semi-finals
1995: runners-up
1993: quarter-finals
1991: quarter-finals
1989: third place
1987: runners-up
1984: winners

Other honours

1999 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W8 D0 L0 F31 A0

Top scorer: Victoria Svensson 8

Most appearances: Nilla Fischer, Therese Sjögran 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Victoria Svensson (1997, 2001, 2005), Sara Larsson (2001, 2005); Therese Sjögran (2001, 2005); Hedvig Lindahl (2005), Lotta Schelin (2005), Anna Paulson (2005*)

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Sweden 5-1 Norway (in Spain)
04/03/09 Sweden 0-0 China (Algarve Cup)
06/03/09 Sweden 1-0 Finland (Algarve Cup)
09/03/09 Sweden 3-2 Germany (Algarve Cup)
11/03/09 Sweden 1-1 United States 4-3pens (Algarve Cup, winners)
25/04/09 Sweden 3-1 Brazil
19/07/09 Sweden 2-0 China
22/07/09 Finland 1-3 Sweden
19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

Competition record win

10-0 v Republic of Ireland (h), 20/09/92, 1993 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-2 v France (a), 01/06/00, 2001 qualifying
0-2 v Denmark (a), 15/10/94, 1995 two-legged quarter-finals (won 3-2 on aggregate)
1-3 v Germany (in Germany), 23/06/01, 2001 final tournament group stage

NORWAY

Norway have been at the vanguard of women's football ever since they took on neighbours and great rivals Sweden in their first international in 1978. Even accounting for the emergence of Germany as the game's global power, Norway have gone on to become the only country to taste glory at European, world and Olympic levels.

Their European triumphs came in 1987 and 1993, and although they lost the inaugural FIFA Women's World Cup final to the United States in 1991, four years later Norway defeated Germany 2-0 in Sweden to lift the trophy. In 2000 they completed the set with victory in the second Olympic women's football tournament. Results then dipped, but in 2005 they reached the European final for the fifth time – after a 12-year wait – and qualified for Finland without conceding a goal.

Tournament record

2005: runners-up
2001: semi-finals
1997: group stage (hosts)
1995: semi-finals
1993: winners
1991: runners-up
1989: runners-up
1987: winners (hosts)

1984: qualifying

Other honours

1995 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D1 L0 F26 A0

Top scorer: Solveig Gulbrandsen 9

Most appearances: Solveig Gulbrandsen, Marie Knutsen, Leni Larsen Kaurin, Lene Storløyken 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Solveig Gulbrandsen (2001, 2005), Trine Rønning (2001, 2005), Ingvild Stensland (2005), Isabell Herlovsen (2005), Ingrid Hjelmeth (2005*), Christine Nilsen (2005*).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Norway 1-5 Sweden (in Spain)

04/03/09 Norway 1-3 Iceland (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Norway 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Norway 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Norway 2-0 Austria (Algarve Cup, ninth place)

23/04/09 England 3-0 Norway

19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

Competition record win

17-0 v Slovakia (h), 19/09/95, 1997 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-4 v Sweden (a), 26/02/95, 1995 semi-final second leg

1-4 v Germany (in Germany), 02/07/89, 1989 final

Squad list

Sweden

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Hedvig Lindahl	29/04/83	26	Göteborg FC	-	4	-	3	-	12	-
12	Kristin Hammarström	29/03/82	27	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Ulla Karin Rönnlund	19/02/77	32	Umeå IK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Charlotte Rohlin	02/12/80	28	Linköpings FC	-	3	-	3	1	6	1
3	Stina Segerström	17/06/82	27	Göteborg FC	-	6	2	2	-	8	2
4	Anna Paulson	29/02/84	25	Umeå IK	-	3	-	3	-	7	-
6	Sara Thunebro	26/04/79	30	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	6	-	3	-	10	1
7	Sara Larsson	13/05/79	30	Saint Louis Athletica	-	4	1	1	-	20	2
13	Karin Lissel	25/05/87	22	Hammarby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Lina Nilsson	17/06/87	22	Malmö FF	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Midfielders											
5	Caroline Seger	19/03/85	24	Linköpings FC	-	7	1	3	1	13	2
14	Louise Fors	23/10/89	19	AIK Solna	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
15	Therese Sjögran	08/04/77	32	Malmö FF	-	8	3	3	-	30	4
16	Petra Larsson	30/09/88	20	Linköpings FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Lisa Dahlqvist	06/02/87	22	Umeå IK	-	2	-	3	-	5	-
18	Nilla Fischer	02/08/84	25	Malmö FF	-	8	3	2	-	11	3
19	Sara Lindén	01/09/83	26	Göteborg FC	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Forwards											
8	Lotta Schelin	27/02/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	6	2	3	1	13	3
9	Jessica Landström	12/12/84	24	Linköpings FC	-	5	1	1	-	6	1
10	Kosovare Asllani	29/07/89	20	Linköpings FC	-	2	-	3	1	5	1
11	Victoria Sandell Svensson	18/05/77	32	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	4	8	3	2	34	18
20	Linnea Liljegård	08/12/88	20	Göteborg FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Coach											
-	Thomas Dennerby	13/08/59	50	SWE	-	8	-	3	-	11	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

Norway

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Ingrid Hjelmseth	10/04/80	29	Stabæk FK	-	-	-	3	-	4	-
12	Caroline Knutsen	21/11/83	25	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Christine Nilsen	30/04/82	27	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Toril Hetland Akerhaugen	05/03/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
3	Marita Skammelsrud Lund	29/01/89	20	Team Strømmen FK	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
6	Camilla Huse	31/08/79	30	Røa IL	-	2	-	3	-	5	-
15	Hedda Strand Gardsjord	28/06/82	27	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maren Mjelde	06/11/89	19	Arna Bjørnar	-	1	-	3	-	4	-
18	Runa Vikestad	13/08/84	25	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Kristin Lie	13/12/78	30	SK Trondheims-Ørn	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
Midfielders											
4	Ingvild Stensland	03/08/81	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	3	-	17	-
5	Anneli Giske	25/07/85	24	Fløya IF	-	1	-	3	-	4	-
7	Trine Bjerke Rønning	14/06/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	5	1	3	-	22	1
8	Solveig Gulbrandsen	12/01/81	28	Stabæk IF	-	8	9	3	-	34	21
21	Lene Storløkken	20/06/81	28	Team Strømmen FK	-	8	1	3	1	11	2
Forwards											
9	Isabell Lehn Herlovsen	23/06/88	21	Kolbotn IL	-	2	1	3	-	10	3
10	Melissa Wiik	07/02/85	24	Stabæk FK	-	6	6	2	-	9	6
11	Leni Larsen Kaurin	21/03/81	28	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	2	-	10	1
14	Marit Sandvei	21/05/87	22	Team Strømmen FK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Elise Hove Thorsnes	14/08/88	21	Røa IL	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
19	Ingvild Isaksen	10/02/89	20	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
22	Cecilie Pedersen	14/09/90	18	Avaldsnes IL	-	-	-	3	1	3	1
Coach											
-	Bjarne Berntsen	21/12/56	52	NOR	-	8	-	3	-	16	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group C Sweden

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Italy	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
England	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

Sweden 3-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Rohlin 5, 2-0 Sandell Svensson 15, 3-0 Seger 82

Sweden: Lindahl, Rohlin, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Larsson, Schelin, Asllani (Nilsson 76), Sandell Svensson (Fischer 87), Sjögran, Dahqvist (Liljegård 69)

Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

Italy 0-2 Sweden

Goals: 0-1 Schelin 9, 0-2 Asllani 19

Sweden: Lindahl, Rohlin, Segerström, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Schelin, Asllani (Liljegård 79), Sandell Svensson, Sjögran (Fors 89), Dahqvist (Fischer 66)

Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

Sweden 1-1 England

Goals: 0-1 White 28, 1-1 Sandell Svensson 40 (pen)

Sweden: Lindahl, Rohlin, Segerström, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Schelin (Lindén 90+3), Asllani (Nilsson 68), Sandell Svensson, Sjögran, Dahqvist (Landström 60)

Quarter-finals (04/09/09)

Sweden v Norway

Final tournament Group B Norway

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
France	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Norway	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Germany 4-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Bresonik 33 (pen) , 2-0 Bajramaj 90, 3-0 Mittag 90+2, 4-0 Bajramaj 90+4

Norway: Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen, Wiik (Pedersen 72), Thorsnes (Kaurin 58), Mjelde, Storløkken (Giske 80)

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

Iceland 0-1 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Pedersen 45

Norway: Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Giske, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen (Isaksen 86), Mjelde, Storløkken, Pedersen (Lie 90+1)

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Norway 1-1 France

Goals: 1-0 Storløkken 4, 1-1 Abily 16

Norway: Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Giske, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen (Wiik 89), Mjelde, Storløkken, Pedersen (Kaurin 46)

Quarter-finals (04/09/09)

Sweden v Norway

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	0 - 2	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	1 - 0	Denmark	Helsinki
24/08/09	Grp B	Germany	4 - 0	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	1 - 3	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	1 - 2	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	3 - 0	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	1 - 2	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	1 - 2	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	1 - 5	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	0 - 1	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	0 - 2	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	3 - 2	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	0 - 1	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	1 - 2	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	1 - 0	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	1 - 1	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	0 - 2	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	1 - 1	England	Turku

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Finland	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
France	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Norway	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Italy	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
England	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Quarter-finals

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
03/09/09		Netherlands	0-0	France	Tampere
03/09/09		Finland	2-3	England	Turku
04/09/09		Germany	15.00CET (16.00 local time)	Italy	Lahti
04/09/09		Sweden	19.00CET (20.00 local time)	Norway	Helsinki

Top scorers

3 - Eniola Aluko (ENG)	1 - Hólfrídur Magnúsdóttir (ISL)
2 - Camille Abily (FRA)	1 - Tatiana Zorri (ITA)
2 - Inka Grings (GER)	1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)
2 - Linda Bresonik (GER)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Melania Gabbiadini (ITA)
2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Annica Sjölund (FIN)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
2 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Linda Sällström (FIN)
2 - Fara Williams (ENG)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Lotta Schelin (SWE)	1 - Johanna Rasmussen (DEN)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Camilla Sand Andersen (DEN)
1 - Kosovare Asllani (SWE)	1 - Maiken Pape (DEN)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Kelly Smith (ENG)
1 - Lyudmyla Pekur (UKR)	1 - Faye White (ENG)
1 - Daryna Apanaschenko (UKR)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)
1 - Olesya Kurochkina (RUS)	1 - Annike Krahn (GER)
1 - Ksenia Tsybutovich (RUS)	1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)
1 - Manon Melis (NED)	1 - Melanie Behringer (GER)
1 - Sylvia Smit (NED)	1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)
1 - Karin Stevens (NED)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Lene Storløkken (NOR)	1 - Karen Carney (ENG)
1 - Cecilie Pedersen (NOR)	

Head coach

Sweden: Thomas Dennerby

Date of birth: 13 August 1959

Playing career: Hammarby IF

Coaching career: Värtans IK, Spårvägens FF, Hammarby (assistant), Hammarby women, Djurgården/Älvsjö, Sweden women

Thomas Dennerby has been in charge of the Sweden team since July 2005, having previously assisted Marika Domanski-Lyfors at that year's UEFA European Women's Championship in England.

Dennerby grew up in southern Stockholm, and played Allsvenskan football for Hammarby IF between 1977 and 1985. Dennerby's best year there was 1982, when Hammarby finished league runners-up behind UEFA Cup winners IFK Göteborg. Dennerby was also capped by Sweden at Under-21 and youth level.

Moving on into coaching, Dennerby worked at Värtans IK and Spårvägens FF before working as assistant to Sören Cratz for Hammarby's sole Allsvenskan title success in 2001. After switching to lead Hammarby's female team, Dennerby moved to coach Djurgården/Älvsjö and won the 2003 title. Repeating that success the following year, Dennerby's side also knocked out compatriots Umeå IK in the UEFA Women's Cup quarter-finals in October 2004, the only time the northern club have ever lost before the final.

Three months later, Dennerby left to become No2 to Domanski-Lyfors. After reaching the semi-finals in England, he took over as Sweden's head coach, qualifying for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup and progressing to the quarter-finals of the 2008 Olympics, as well as earning a place at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ with eight wins and 31 unanswered goals. Before going into full-time coaching, Dennerby worked as a detective inspector at the Swedish National Criminal Investigation Department.

Norway: Bjarne Berntsen

Date of birth: 21 December 1956

Playing career: Figgjo IL, Viking FK

Coaching career: Figgjo IL, Bryne FK, Viking FK, Norway women

Bjarne Berntsen was a surprise choice to follow the popular Åge Steen when the former Norway coach stood down a few months before UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, but the former international defender, with no experience of the women's game, immediately led the team to their first final since winning 2000 Olympic gold.

Having begun his playing career at local club Figgjo IL, Berntsen signed for Viking FK aged 20 in 1977 and went on to make more than 130 appearances in the next five years, as well as winning 33 Norway caps, most notably in the 2-1 win against England in September 1981. After ending his playing career, Berntsen returned to Figgjo to coach before his appointment by Bryne FK, whom he led to the 1987 Norwegian Cup, their only major honour. In this period, he also assisted national coach Tor Røste Fossen.

Berntsen returned to Viking in 1989 in a directorial role before being made coach between 1992 and 1995. He was then back at the club in 1999 as CEO until a reorganisation in 2004, previous to which he had acted as caretaker coach. But, at the end of the year, he was announced as Steen's replacement from 1 January 2005.

After success in England, where they beat Sweden in the last four before losing to Germany in Blackburn, Norway went on to reach the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup semi-finals and the quarter-finals at the 2008 Olympics, having begun by inflicting a rare defeat on the United States, who went on to win gold. Shortly afterwards, Norway confirmed their place at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™, after which Berntsen is to step down in favour of Eli Landsem.

Competition facts

- The UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams was introduced in 1982, with the first final two years later, and further competitions were played in 1987 and 1989 before becoming the current UEFA European Women's Championship.

- The 1991 and 1993 editions ended, like the 1987 and 1989 events, in four-team knockout final tournament. The 1995 edition was two-leg knockout from the quarter-finals onwards, with a one-off final. For 1997, 2001 and 2005 an eight-team final tournament was played, expanding to 12 for 2009.

- **The full rundown of finals is (hosts in brackets):**

UEFA European Women's Championship

2005: Germany 3-1 Norway (Blackburn, England)

2001: Germany 1-0 Sweden, aet golden goal; (Ulm, Germany)

1997: Germany 2-0 Italy (Oslo, Norway)

1995: Germany 3-2 Sweden (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

1993: Norway 1-0 Italy (Cesena, Italy)

1991: Germany 3-1 Norway aet (Aalborg, Denmark)

UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams

1989: West Germany 4-1 Norway (Osnabruck, West Germany)

1987: Norway 2-1 Sweden (Oslo, Norway)

1984: Sweden 1-1 England, 4-3 pens (two legs, Gothenburg and Luton)

- Birgit Prinz played in Germany's victories in 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2005, and will aim for a fifth title in 2009. Sandra Minnert was in all four of those winning squads but did not play in the 1995 and 2001 finals.

- Martina Voss was part of Germany's successes in 1989, 1991, 1995 and 1997 and also played in the first three qualifiers for the 2001 edition.

- Germany coach Silvia Neid played in the victories of 1989, 1991 and 1995 and was assistant to Tina Theune-Meyer in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

- The first final went to penalties after two home 1-0 wins between Sweden and England, with no extra time. Sweden prevailed 4-3 in the Luton shoot-out.

- There have been three other penalty competitions, all in semi-finals; hosts West Germany beat Italy 4-3 in 1989, Norway defeated hosts Denmark 8-7 in 1991 and hosts Italy overcame Germany 4-3 in 1993. Only West Germany in 1989 went on to win the final.

Biggest wins

Qualifying: Spain 17-0 Slovenia (1995); Norway 17-0 Slovakia (1997)

Two-legged knockout: Commonwealth of Independent States 0-7 Germany (1993)

Final tournament: Denmark 0-5 Norway (1997); Germany 5-0 Russia (2001)

Individual match goalscoring

Qualifying: 6 – Mari Mar Prieto (Spain) v Slovenia, 1995; Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic) v Estonia, 1997;

Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Slovakia, 1997

Final tournament: 4 – Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Denmark, 1997

Overall competition top scorers

2005: Birgit Prinz (Germany) 17

2001: Gitte Krogh (Denmark) 14

1997: Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic), Marianne Pettersen (Norway) 13

1995: Patricia Bocker (Germany) 18

1993: Carolina Morace (Italy) 13

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10

Finals top scorers

2005: Inka Grings (Germany) 4

2001: Claudia Müller (Germany), Sandra Smisek (Germany) 3

1997: Carolina Morace (Italy), Marianne Pettersen (Norway), Angélique Rouhas (France) 4

1995: Lena Videkull (Sweden) 3

1993: Susan Mackensie (Denmark) 2

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 4

All time (final tournaments)

Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8
Inka Grings (Germany) 6
Hanna Ljungberg (Sweden) 6
Carolina Morace (Italy) 6

All time (including qualifying)

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38
Carolina Morace (Italy) 30
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 30

2009 qualifying top scorers

Preliminary round: Sarit Shenar (Israel), Katarína Dugovicová (Slovakia) 6
Qualifying round: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 11
Play-offs: Pauline Hamill (Scotland) 4
Overall: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 12

Highest attendances

Qualifying: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck 2009, 17,000
Final tournament: England v Finland, Manchester 2005, 29,092

2009 Highest attendances

Preliminary round: Croatia v Turkey, Tarsus-Mersin, 5,000
Qualifying round: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck, 17,000

(Final tournament only)

Oldest player: Olena Mazurenko (Ukraine) v Finland, 29.08.2009, 39 years 309 days

Oldest goalscorer: Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days

Youngest player: Oksana Yakovyshyn (Ukraine) v Netherlands, 23.08.2009, 16 years 156 days

Youngest goalscorer: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

Tournament preview

- **Knockout phase:** The top two from each group went through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
- **Quarter-finals:**
3 September: QF1, Finland v England, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, Netherlands v France, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.
4 September: QF2, Germany v Italy, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3 Sweden v Norway, Helsinki Football Stadium, 20.00.
- **Semi-finals:**
6 September: QF1 v QF4, Tampere Stadium, 19.00
7 September: QF2 v QF3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 19.00
- **Final:**
10 September: Olympic Stadium, Helsinki, 19.00.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runners-up and 35 bronze medals to the two losing semi-finalists.
- **Carlsberg Player of the Match:** The UEFA Technical Team will select a player of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive her award at the post-match press conference.
- **adidas Golden Boot award:** Will be presented to the leading scorer at the UEFA European Women's Championship after the final.
- **Official ball:** The 2009 finals in Finland will be the first UEFA European Women's Championship to boast its own match ball, with the adidas TERRAPASS – featuring a design inspired by the northern lights – unveiled at the draw in Helsinki on 18 November 2008. Just like EUROPASS, the official matchball of UEFA EURO 2008™, adidas TERRAPASS features the revolutionary PSC-Texture, a sophisticated and extremely fine structure on the ball's outer skin which allows players to control and direct the ball perfectly in all weather conditions. adidas first started manufacturing footballs in 1963 and has provided all the official match balls for all major UEFA and FIFA finals tournaments since 1970.
- **Official song:** Veteran singer-songwriter Geir Rønning and local star Karoliina Kallio have recorded the official song of the UEFA European Women's Championship entitled Champions of the Day, performed live for the first time at the tournament's opening ceremony in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on 23 August. The pair have both represented Finland at the Eurovision Song Contest. Rønning not only composed the tune together with co-writers André Noël Chaker and Jukka Karjalainen; he sings it with Kallio, who is famous in Finland as the lead female vocalist of the group Waldo's People. Now a fully fledged pop star, Kallio's music career dates back two decades to her appearance as a ten-year-old on a television talent show.
- **Qualifying:** The 20-team preliminary round ran from 18 to 23 November 2006 with five group winners joining 25 top-ranked nations in the qualifying group stage from 1 April 2007 until 2 October 2008. Group winners England, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway qualified automatically, with the six runners-up and four third-placed teams going into the two-legged play-offs on 25/26 and 29/30 October 2008. Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Iceland and Ukraine respectively defeated the Czech Republic, Spain, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards were not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **uefa.com:** A team of reporters in Finland is helping uefa.com provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Finnish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Finnish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.
- **Ambassadors:** Former international goalkeepers Antti Niemi and Satu Kunnas are the ambassadors for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in their native Finland. Niemi was capped 67 times between 1992 and 2007 while Kunnas helped Finland to the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals in 2005.

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number

DoB: date of birth

Qual: qualifying

FT: final tournament

Pld: played

Gls: goals

WChamp: UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

WChamp: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European Women's Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position

Pld: played

W: won

D: drawn

L: lost

GF: goals for

GA: goals against

Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Second knockout round

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

(R): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

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